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October 20, 2010

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W., TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Communication

WC Docket No.03-109
WC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Pursuant to section 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, we hereby submit this notice regarding an *ex parte* communication in the above-referenced proceedings.

On October 19, 2010, Charles Benton spoke with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn regarding Universal Service reform, particularly with respect to the LifeLine Link Up programs. Angela Kronenberg, Acting Wireline Legal Advisor to Commissioner Clyburn, also attended this meeting.

Mr. Benton stressed the need for careful changes to program offerings, expansion of eligibility, and enhances outreach. These changes will help ensure that these programs are successful in their efforts to serve our most vulnerable communities.

Also in attendance at this meeting was Cecilia Garcia, Executive Director of the Benton Foundation and Benton Board member Joanne Hovis.

In accordance with the Commission's rules this *ex parte* notice is being filed electronically in the above referenced docket. If you have questions regarding this filing please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-638-5770.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

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